

**Mountains Conservancy Foundation
Backbone Trail Fund**

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Chairman Michael Berger
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
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Dear Mike:

Reference: Item XI, Backbone Trail option

This letter officially notifies the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy that the Mountains Conservancy Foundation will provide \$50,000 for the option on the Mora property, the next link of the Backbone Trail to be acquired.

This donation brings the total donation from the Foundation for Backbone Trail acquisitions to \$145,000 since the year 2000. These funds were privately raised by the nonprofit organization.

We look forward to working with park agencies on this acquisition.

Respectfully,

/s/

Ruth Taylor Kilday
Board of Directors

Ann Rushton
Board of Directors

cc: Woody Smeck, NPS